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NEWLY IDENTIFIED ARTILLERY DIVISION IN SIBERIAN MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR (S)

1. (S/D) A new artillery division has been identified in the Siberian Military District, USSR (Figure 1). On [] elements of this division were seen in a newly constructed vehicle park (Figure 2) outside Pogorelovka Civil Defense Installation (BE [] Subsequent imagery revealed an antitank regiment/brigade, a 152mm gun howitzer ML-20 regiment, a probable multiple rocket launcher (MRL) regiment, a possible antitank (AT) regiment, and at least four battalions of probable 160mm mortars.

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Analyst's Comments

2. (S/D) This unit is atypical of Soviet artillery divisions, which usually consist of one 130mm field gun M-46 regiment, one ML-20 gun howitzer regiment, one MRL regiment, and an AT regiment. Apparently, a combination of AT guns and mortars is replacing M-46s in this division.

3. (S/D) The creation of this unit is consistent with the upgrading process underway in the Siberian Military District. This unit also helps to fill a gap in artillery coverage along the Sino-Soviet and Soviet-Mongolian borders.

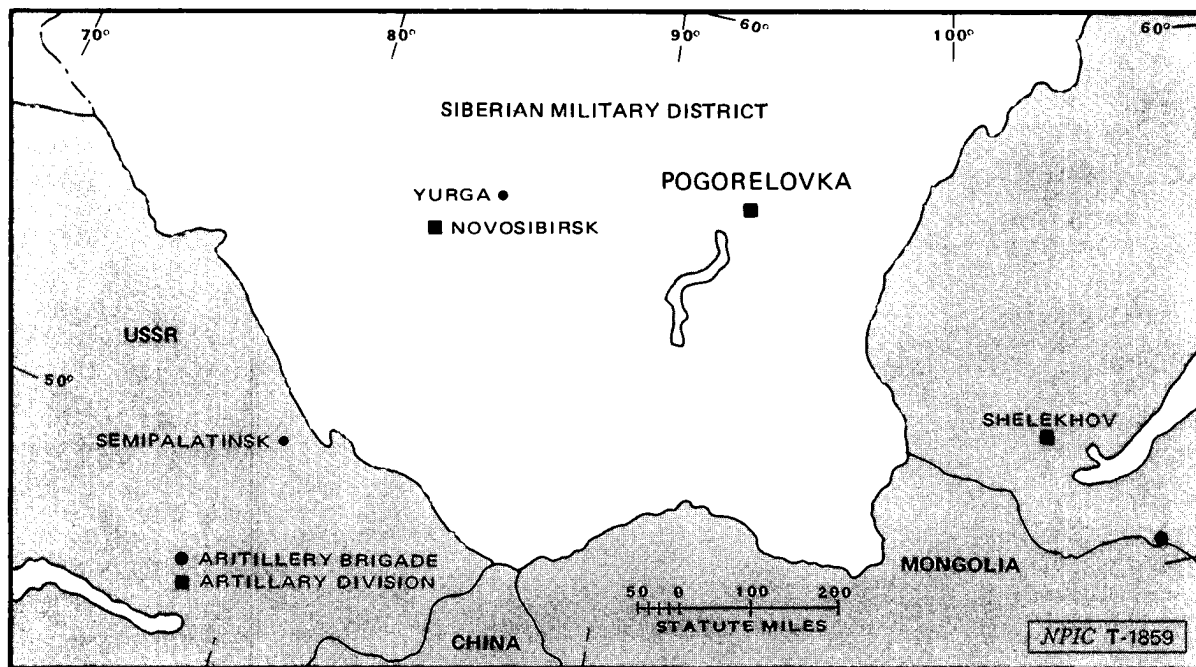


FIGURE 1. SIBERIAN MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR

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